



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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2023 Leadership Team

2023 is off and running and here at Wesley Monumental it means we have a new 2023 Leadership Team. If you've never seen our entire Leadership Team list, you may be surprised to know it is six pages long and is composed of around 250 people. In other words, it takes a lot of volunteers giving their time, talent, experience, and passion to make possible all the ministries at Wesley. In addition to the Leadership Team members who come to committee meetings to do the planning, there are countless volunteers who actually carry out the work. When we join the church, we commit ourselves to "faithfully participate in the life of the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness." We believe every person should look for a place to get involved in the ministry of our church. We hope you will pray about where you can give your time and talent this year.

This morning we will have a prayer of consecration of the 2023 Leadership Team. We are grateful for all of you who serve. In case you aren't that familiar with our Administrative structure, here are some of the main committees and chairpersons for 2023:

Administrative Board - Chair Camille Russo
Trustees (oversees property & assets) - Chair Nick Hitt
Staff-Parish Committee (human resources) - Chair Travis Thomas
Finance Committee - Chair Ted Moore
Endowment Committee (oversees our endowments)
Ministry Council (program planning) - Chair Pat Monahan
Eli's Place Committee
Evangelism/Hospitality Committee (outreach & welcome) - Chair Chris Donegan
Communications Committee (publicity & information) - Chair Leslie Washburn
Missions Committee - Chair Scott Cleaveland
Worship Committee - Chair Brian West
Children's Team
Youth Team - Chair Sheila Watts
Senior Adult Team - Chair Becky Pullin
Prayer Team - Chair Sue Ellis
Wesley Gardens Retreat Center Committee
Music Committee - Chair Claire Watts
United Methodist Women - President Amy Green
Care & Share Team - Chair Bonnie Delters
United Methodist Men - President Peter Delters
Sound - Ray McClain
Treasurer - Riley Smith
Lay Delegates to Annual Conference -
Scott Cleaveland and Woody Brown

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Martin

*Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. **Please remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service.** We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.*

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Milly Schmitz

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Robert J. Powell

Open My Eyes That I May See

Introit (11:00)

Sanctus

Lindsay Norden

* **Hymn No. 154** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Jennifer Thompson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

* **Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Franklin Tate Freeman

son of Caroline and John Freeman

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Tate as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Children's Sermon

Charli Weeks

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up on the second floor.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; For ever. Amen.

* **Hymn Insert** Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Helen Lemmel

Leadership Team Consecration

Ben Martin

Offertory Prayer

Ben Martin

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Victor Labenske

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Offertory Anthem (11:00) O Divine Redeemer Charles Gounod

Ah! turn me not away, receive me tho' unworthy;
Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress.

Answer me from Thy throne. Haste Thee, Lord to mine aid.

Thy pity show in my deep anguish

Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,

Though righteous Thine anger, O Lord.

Shield me in danger! O regard me, on Thee, Lord alone will I call.

O Divine Redeemer!

I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins.

Night gathers round my soul. Fearful I cry, to Thee!

Come to my aid, O Lord!

Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me.

Hear my cry, Save me, Lord in Thy mercy

Come and save me, O Lord!

Save in the day of retribution;

from Death shield Thou me, O my God!

O Divine Redeemer! Have mercy. Help me, my Savior.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate.

Online giving is also available on our website.

* **Doxology** No. 95 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 13-14) Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon "Kingdom Secrets Part 1: Why Parables?" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 454** Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin

Closing Voluntary All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Jack Jones

* *Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers - January and February Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$90, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates are available: January 15, 22 and February 12, 19, 26.

Eli's Place and Church Office Closed

Eli's Place and the Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Family Bingo Night - This Friday Night!



Join us this Friday, January 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our 2nd annual Family Bingo Night presented by the Susanna Wesley Circle. There will be dinner, dessert, bingo, and exciting prizes with proceeds benefitting charities within our community. Scan the code for additional details including pricing, ways to pay, and to register. Also, if you would like to donate a prize, maybe a gift card you received for Christmas that you may not have use for, please email swcirclewm@gmail.com.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Becky Pullin

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: William Blake, Addison Conger

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Judy Smoak, Gail Brannen

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Mark Glidewell, Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton,
Michael Hasselle, Adam Hess, Dan Hoey, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Sunday, January 15. 5:00 PM

Concert at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

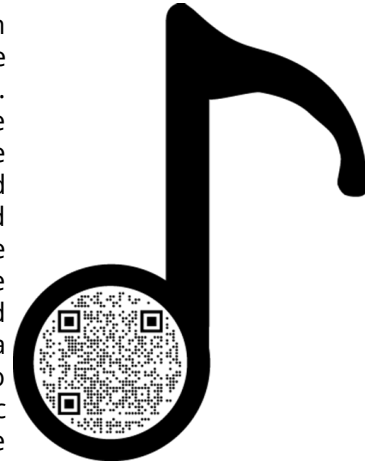
The organists of four of Savannah's downtown churches come together to put the Noack organ through its paces. Monica Dekle (Wesley Monumental), Jacob Fuhrman (Independent Presbyterian), George Fergus (Christ Church Episcopal), and Paul Thornock (Cathedral Basilica) share the playing duties.

Tickets available online only. For 25% off visit:

www.eventbrite.com/e/387573682317/?discount=WUM4ORF23

Spread the Word

Our one hundred thirty children and youth choristers will be singing hymns with 33-piece orchestra on Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 PM. The Chancel Choir will accompany the choristers on some hymns, and the audience will join in singing on a few beloved hymns. We are so proud of our students and their parents, and we are excited to share Christ's love through hymns at this incredible concert. Please invite your friends and neighbors. Thanks to our generous orchestra sponsors, every ticket dollar goes directly to the Building Fund for Children's and Music Ministry. The children are delighted to raise money for their own ministry area.



Tickets are \$35: MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com, church office, or scan the QR code.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Y'All Haul at Family Promise House

Volunteers needed tomorrow, Monday, January 16 to help load and move furniture for Family Promise families at 126 Horizon Park Drive. You can stop by anytime from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. To sign up to help, please email tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Have You Always Wanted to see How the Bible Fits Together?

Join us for a new seven-week study in the Young Mothers' Bible Study. We will discuss *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. This study is a good fit for those exploring Scripture for the first time as well as those who have grown up with the Bible. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., (in person) in Oliver Hall, Room 310 with free childcare provided! We are currently studying Gardens in the Bible and will begin *Seamless* on January 31. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. All are welcome.

Mentors Sought for Young Mothers

Would you like to be paired with a young mother to meet with her six times per year (every other month) at your convenience for Christian encouragement? Questions or to sign up, please contact Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

VBS and Summer Fun Daze

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze.

- ★ June 5 – 9 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old – 5th grade
- ★ July 17 – 21 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children Kindergarten – 3rd grade

Registration for both events will open soon.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Ski Trip, February 2-5

We're going to have an awesome ski trip in 2023! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us from February 2-5 for our ski retreat to Winterplace, WV. The cost is \$350 which includes lodging, transportation, meals, and ski rentals and lift tickets for two days of skiing. To sign your students up, please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Tour and Lunch on SCAD

On Wednesday, January 18, meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to jump on the SCAD bus and travel a few blocks where we will experience the interactive SCADstory, tour SCAD properties, and eat lunch together! There is limited availability for this outing. Please contact Jennifer Thompson directly by email (jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) or by text. This is a first come, first serve event and will involve standing and walking. We will return to the church around noon. If we have more than 30 people interested, we will schedule a second tour in February.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Bible Study: Tuesday, January 31

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This winter we will continue looking closely at "Peter, the Preacher" by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us on Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

Fourth Friday Retreat

For January the "Fourth Friday" retreat has been moved to the third Friday, January 20. Join us in the chapel for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to group prayer and *Lectio Divina* (meditation on Holy Scripture), the retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Coffee is provided at 8:45 a.m. The retreat is from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. For questions and further details, email hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (1/8/23)

8:45 AM Worship	85	Nursery	X
11:00 AM Worship	348	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	111	Sunday School	133
Total Worship	544		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker.....Administrative
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New	Assistant, Reception
Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music	Ashley Higgins.....Communications Director
and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers.....Music Assistant	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Rev. James P. Owens...Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Property Manager
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
January 15, 2023**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 13:1-9	What do we learn about Jesus and his style of teaching in this parable?
Tuesday	Matthew 13:10-12	What is the Kingdom of Heaven and why would it be a secret to some?
Wednesday	Matthew 13:12-17	Why are some people blind and deaf to the message of the Kingdom?
Thursday	Matthew 11:25-30	What does Jesus suggest is the key to understanding and learning from Him?
Friday	Matthew 13:18-23	Where do I see myself in this parable? What does it tell me about the condition of my heart?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with those who are suffering from cancer, stroke, heart issues, auto immune diseases, diabetes, and all other physical illnesses. Please bring healing to their bodies and peace to their souls. We trust You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 15

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 PM The Four Organists, Cathedral
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Eli's Place and Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, January 18

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Merry Makers SCAD Trip
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, FH
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Philippians Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Book Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
- 6:00 PM Enneagram Study, Led by James P. Owens
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 310
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom
- 5:30 PM SPRC Mtg

Friday, January 20

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM 4th Friday Retreat, WG
- 6:00 PM Family Bingo Night, FH

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper

January 18, 2023

Menu: Pork Tenderloin

To make a reservation, email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. If you attended WNS during the Fall, your reservation will carry over to the Winter/Spring semester.

In Our Prayers....

David Katz, Katie Adrian, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Bryan Vance (father of Chris Vance), Chad Gamble (brother of Kim Watson), John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, June Stevenson and Lynn Stratton, (mother and sister of Toni Olds), Suzette Parker, Emily Perry (granddaughter of Joyce and Richard Zehl), Tim Mooney, Grace Bockes, Mark Thomas, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, Walter Sumner (brother of Rosanne Montjoy and uncle of Michael Montjoy), Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, Pat Beasley, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Bob Harman, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Olin Bockes, Bella Grace Bartels, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Harriet Bland, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Butler Family
on the death of *Lee Butler*

The Wallace Family
on the death of
Mildred Wallace,
mother of Dick

The Gaskin Family
on the death of
Tom Day,
father of Dorie

The Walker and Nickels Families on the death of *Dan Walker*,
brother-in-law of Karen Nickels

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Howarth Lemmel

O soul, are you wea-ry and trou - bled? No light in the dark-ness you see?
Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we fol - low Him there;
His word shall not fail you - He prom - esed; be - lieve Him, and all will be well; -

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There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and
o - ver us sin no more hath d - min - ion - for more - than con - querors we
— go to a world that is dy - ing, His per - fect sal - va - tion to

15
free!
are!
tell!
Turn your eyes u-on Je - sus, look full in His won - der - ful

23
face, and the things of earth will grow strange - ly

28
dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace.